

**I. Through Prayer - 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

1. Prayers for all (**verses 1-2**)  
Rea                -not just for salvation as our lesson says  
                      -in a situation in which the church was under persecution - his first reaction was prayer
2. A list follows
  - A. First of all
  - B. Petitions -asking God to act
  - C. Prayers - all requests
  - D. Intercession - on behalf of others
  - E. Thanksgiving
3. For all people  
                      -mentions “kings” and those in authority in verse 2  
                      -could be also religious authorities  
Rea                -leadership
4. The reason? - that we may lead a quiet life  
                      -in holiness and godliness
5. This is good (**verses 3-4**)  
                      -good in that it pleases God  
                      -that God wants all to be saved  
Rea                -\*\*not just the “elect?” But all
6. Being saved is coming to a knowledge of the truth  
Rea                -implies that those not saved live under a lie
7. God provided a way for all to be saved (**verses 5-7**)
  - A. One God provided a mediator
  - B. Between... God and man  
                      -the man... Jesus Christ
8. How did He do it? - by giving His life a ransom for all people
9. Paul’s role:  
                      -a herald  
                      -an apostle  
                      -a teacher of Gentiles  
Rea                Note, he sees himself (self-identity) as all these - he is “appointed” as these
10. I am not lying - telling the truth  
Rea                **Ideas and Questions:**
  1. Discuss how praying for authorities helps us to live a “quiet” life
  2. A very focused role - “teacher of the Gentiles” - not teaching all but this small band of persons
  3. So the quiet life that leadership helps us realize lends itself to salvation of many?
  4. His knee jerk reaction is to pray - is that ours?

**II. Led by Godly Men (1 Tim. 2:8)**

1. He specifically calls on the men to pray - women are mentioned in verse 9
2. Prayer:

- A. Lifting up holy hands
  - 1) the prime thing is not the posture of prayer but...
  - 2) the holy lives of those doing the praying
- B. Holy hands - have not been involved in doing anything they would be ashamed of
- C. Without disputing or anger
  - disputes distract from the prime work of the church

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

- 1. Prayer is often (for us) just an “add on” not the prime mover that Paul sees it
- 2. I’m not sure we know how to pray, or have much experience at it
- 3. Does this imply that they were not praying?
- 4. Does our state “holy” or “unholy” make a difference? - how so?

**III. Supported by Godly Women - 1 Tim. 2:9-15**

- 1. Women - possibly refers to the wives of the men in verse 8 (**verses 9-10**)
  - A. Dress modestly
  - B. Adorn yourselves
    - 1) not with braided hair, gold, pearls or expensive clothing
    - 2) adorned with good deeds
    - 3) this is appropriate
  - C. Note “decency and propriety”
  - D. Honorable dress/ clothing
- 2. Women’s place in the church - deportment is addressed (**verses 11-14**)
  - makes sense that if he addressed it, that this was some sort of issue or had the potential to become one
- 3. Women are
  - A. To learn in quietness and full submission
    - a willingness to learn and grow
  - B. She should not usurp authority over a man
    - sounds as if he instructs them about worship time, not necessarily time elsewhere
    - perhaps he means she should defer to the pastor - “be quiet”
- 4. Because Adam was created first
  - then Eve
  - Paul reminds that Eve was deceived
  - elsewhere Paul pushes the idea that Man (Adam) was the way in which sin entered the world (Rom. 5:12-19)
- 5. Saved by childbearing (**verse 15**)
  - A. It is incorrect to see that women can be saved if they bear children
  - B. There is only one way to be saved and that is through Jesus
  - C. This also would leave out that woman who cannot bear children
  - D. He means the faith of a godly mom can lead children to Christ

Rea            E. The “honor” of women is “redeemed” or “won back” by the fact that as a gender they bear children. What Eve lost (in reputation) by sinning first, women (as a group) regain by bearing children. After all it was pain in childbirth that was their curse after the garden of Eden sin.

Rea    **Ideas and Questions:**

1. Gentile women (many of whom probably were involved in all manner of religions before Christ) needed instruction in all of the above
2. Paul was not afraid of women (that is demeaning to women as a group) but gave them needed guidance
3. I'll say it one more time, - there must have been a problem with these ladies, or Paul would not have said what he did
4. This is no license to put down or hold women down in any way

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